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*[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/745)]*

### 52/215. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

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*The General Assembly*,

*Recognizing* the obligation of Member States, under Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations, to bear the expenses of the Organization as apportioned by the General Assembly,

*Reaffirming* the fundamental principle that the expenses of the Organization should be apportioned among Member States, broadly according to their capacity to pay, in accordance with rule 160 of its rules of procedure,

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on Contributions on the work of its fifty-seventh session,[1]

1. *Decides* that the scale of assessments for the period 1998-2000 shall be based on the following elements and criteria:

(*a*) Data on the gross national product;

(*b*) A statistical base period of six years;

(*c*) Conversion rates as recommended by the Committee on Contributions;[1]

(*d*) A debt-burden adjustment in 1998 based on actual principal repayments and in 1999 and 2000 on the debt-adjustment approach employed in the scale of assessments for the period 1995-1997;

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 11* and corrigenda (A/51/11 and Corr.1 and 2).

(*e*) A low per capita income adjustment, with a per capita income limit of the average world per capita income for the statistical base period and a gradient of 80 per cent;

(*f*) A minimum assessment rate of 0.001 per cent;

(*g*) A ceiling rate of 25 per cent;

(*h*) Individual rates of assessment for the least developed countries not to exceed the current level of 0.01 per cent;

(*i*) The phasing out of the scheme of limits in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/223 B of 23 December 1993;

(*j*) In phasing out the scheme of limits before the year 2001, the allocation of additional points resulting therefrom to developing countries benefiting from its application limited to 15 per cent of the effect of the phase-out;

(*k*) The limitation referred to in paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 51/212 B of 3 April 1997;

2. *Resolves* that the scale of assessments for the contributions of Member States to the regular budget of the United Nations for the years 1998, 1999 and 2000 shall be as follows:

| *Member State* | *1998* | *1999* | *2000* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | (*Percentage*) | |
| Afghanistan | 0.004 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| Albania | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| Algeria | 0.116 | 0.094 | 0.086 |
| Andorra | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Angola | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.010 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Argentina | 0.768 | 1.024 | 1.103 |
| Armenia | 0.027 | 0.011 | 0.006 |
| Australia | 1.471 | 1.482 | 1.483 |
| Austria | 0.935 | 0.941 | 0.942 |
| Azerbaijan | 0.060 | 0.022 | 0.011 |
| Bahamas | 0.015 | 0.015 | 0.015 |
| Bahrain | 0.018 | 0.017 | 0.017 |
| Bangladesh | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.010 |
| Barbados | 0.008 | 0.008 | 0.008 |
| Belarus | 0.164 | 0.082 | 0.057 |

| *Member State* | *1998* | *1999* | *2000* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | (*Percentage*) | |
| Belgium | 1.096 | 1.103 | 1.104 |
| Belize | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Benin | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Bhutan | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Bolivia | 0.008 | 0.007 | 0.007 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.005 |
| Botswana | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.010 |
| Brazil | 1.514 | 1.470 | 1.471 |
| Brunei Darussalam | 0.020 | 0.020 | 0.020 |
| Bulgaria | 0.045 | 0.019 | 0.011 |
| Burkina Faso | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Burundi | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Cambodia | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Cameroon | 0.014 | 0.013 | 0.013 |
| Canada | 2.825 | 2.754 | 2.732 |
| Cape Verde | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Central African Republic | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Chad | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Chile | 0.113 | 0.131 | 0.136 |
| China | 0.901 | 0.973 | 0.995 |
| Colombia | 0.108 | 0.109 | 0.109 |
| Comoros | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Congo | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| Costa Rica | 0.017 | 0.016 | 0.016 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | .012 | 0.009 | 0.009 |
| Croatia | 0.056 | 0.036 | 0.030 |
| Cuba | 0.039 | 0.026 | 0.024 |
| Cyprus | 0.034 | 0.034 | 0.034 |
| Czech Republic | 0.169 | 0.121 | 0.107 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 0.031 | 0.019 | 0.015 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 0.008 | 0.007 | 0.007 |

| *Member State* | *1998* | *1999* | *2000* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | (*Percentage*) | |
| Denmark | 0.687 | 0.691 | 0.692 |
| Djibouti | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Dominica | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Dominican Republic | 0.016 | 0.015 | 0.015 |
| Ecuador | 0.022 | 0.020 | 0.020 |
| Egypt | 0.069 | 0.065 | 0.065 |
| El Salvador | 0.012 | 0.012 | 0.012 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Eritrea | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Estonia | 0.023 | 0.015 | 0.012 |
| Ethiopia | 0.007 | 0.006 | 0.006 |
| Fiji | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Finland | 0.538 | 0.542 | 0.543 |
| France | 6.494 | 6.540 | 6.545 |
| Gabon | 0.018 | 0.015 | 0.015 |
| Gambia | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Georgia | 0.058 | 0.019 | 0.007 |
| Germany | 9.630 | 9.808 | 9.857 |
| Ghana | 0.007 | 0.007 | 0.007 |
| Greece | 0.368 | 0.351 | 0.351 |
| Grenada | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Guatemala | 0.019 | 0.018 | 0.018 |
| Guinea | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Guyana | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Haiti | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Honduras | 0.004 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| Hungary | 0.119 | 0.120 | 0.120 |
| Iceland | 0.032 | 0.032 | 0.032 |
| India | 0.305 | 0.299 | 0.299 |
| Indonesia | 0.173 | 0.184 | 0.188 |

| *Member State* | *1998* | *1999* | *2000* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | (*Percentage*) | |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 0.303 | 0.193 | 0.161 |
| Iraq | 0.087 | 0.045 | 0.032 |
| Ireland | 0.223 | 0.224 | 0.224 |
| Israel | 0.329 | 0.345 | 0.350 |
| Italy | 5.394 | 5.432 | 5.437 |
| Jamaica | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.006 |
| Japan | 17.981 | 19.984 | 20.573 |
| Jordan | 0.008 | 0.006 | 0.006 |
| Kazakhstan | 0.124 | 0.066 | 0.048 |
| Kenya | 0.007 | 0.007 | 0.007 |
| Kuwait | 0.154 | 0.134 | 0.128 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 0.015 | 0.008 | 0.006 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Latvia | 0.046 | 0.024 | 0.017 |
| Lebanon | 0.016 | 0.016 | 0.016 |
| Lesotho | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Liberia | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 0.160 | 0.132 | 0.124 |
| Liechtenstein | 0.005 | 0.006 | 0.006 |
| Lithuania | 0.045 | 0.022 | 0.015 |
| Luxembourg | 0.066 | 0.068 | 0.068 |
| Madagascar | 0.003 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| Malawi | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Malaysia | 0.168 | 0.180 | 0.183 |
| Maldives | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Mali | 0.003 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Malta | 0.014 | 0.014 | 0.014 |
| Marshall Islands | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Mauritania | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Mauritius | 0.009 | 0.009 | 0.009 |
| Mexico | 0.941 | 0.980 | 0.995 |

| *Member State* | *1998* | *1999* | *2000* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | (*Percentage*) | |
| Micronesia (Federated States of) | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Monaco | 0.003 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Mongolia | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Morocco | 0.041 | 0.041 | 0.041 |
| Mozambique | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Myanmar | 0.009 | 0.008 | 0.008 |
| Namibia | 0.007 | 0.007 | 0.007 |
| Nepal | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Netherlands | 1.619 | 1.631 | 1.632 |
| New Zealand | 0.221 | 0.221 | 0.221 |
| Nicaragua | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Niger | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Nigeria | 0.070 | 0.040 | 0.032 |
| Norway | 0.605 | 0.610 | 0.610 |
| Oman | 0.050 | 0.051 | 0.051 |
| Pakistan | 0.060 | 0.059 | 0.059 |
| Palau | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Panama | 0.016 | 0.013 | 0.013 |
| Papua New Guinea | 0.007 | 0.007 | 0.007 |
| Paraguay | 0.014 | 0.014 | 0.014 |
| Peru | 0.085 | 0.095 | 0.099 |
| Philippines | 0.077 | 0.080 | 0.081 |
| Poland | 0.251 | 0.207 | 0.196 |
| Portugal | 0.368 | 0.417 | 0.431 |
| Qatar | 0.033 | 0.033 | 0.033 |
| Republic of Korea | 0.955 | 0.994 | 1.006 |
| Republic of Moldova | 0.043 | 0.018 | 0.010 |
| Romania | 0.102 | 0.067 | 0.056 |
| Russian Federation | 2.873 | 1.487 | 1.077 |
| Rwanda | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |

| *Member State* | *1998* | *1999* | *2000* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | (*Percentage*) | |
| Saint Lucia | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Samoa | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| San Marino | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Saudi Arabia | 0.594 | 0.569 | 0.562 |
| Senegal | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.006 |
| Seychelles | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Sierra Leone | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Singapore | 0.167 | 0.176 | 0.179 |
| Slovakia | 0.053 | 0.039 | 0.035 |
| Slovenia | 0.060 | 0.061 | 0.061 |
| Solomon Islands | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Somalia | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| South Africa | 0.365 | 0.366 | 0.366 |
| Spain | 2.571 | 2.589 | 2.591 |
| Sri Lanka | 0.013 | 0.012 | 0.012 |
| Sudan | 0.009 | 0.007 | 0.007 |
| Suriname | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Swaziland | 0.002 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Sweden | 1.099 | 1.084 | 1.079 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 0.062 | 0.064 | 0.064 |
| Tajikistan | 0.008 | 0.005 | 0.004 |
| Thailand | 0.158 | 0.167 | 0.170 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 0.005 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Togo | 0.002 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 0.018 | 0.017 | 0.016 |
| Tunisia | 0.028 | 0.028 | 0.028 |
| Turkey | 0.440 | 0.440 | 0.440 |
| Turkmenistan | 0.015 | 0.008 | 0.006 |
| Uganda | 0.004 | 0.004 | 0.004 |

| *Member State* | *1998* | *1999* | *2000* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | (*Percentage*) | |
| Ukraine | 0.678 | 0.302 | 0.190 |
| United Arab Emirates | 0.177 | 0.178 | 0.178 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 5.076 | 5.090 | 5.092 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 0.004 | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| United States of America | 25.000 | 25.000 | 25.000 |
| Uruguay | 0.049 | 0.048 | 0.048 |
| Uzbekistan | 0.077 | 0.037 | 0.025 |
| Vanuatu | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Venezuela | 0.235 | 0.176 | 0.160 |
| Viet Nam | 0.010 | 0.007 | 0.007 |
| Yemen | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0.010 |
| Yugoslavia | 0.060 | 0.034 | 0.026 |
| Zambia | 0.003 | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| Zimbabwe | 0.009 | 0.009 | 0.009 |
| TOTAL | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 |

3. *Resolves also* that:

(*a*) Notwithstanding the terms of regulation 5.5 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the Secretary-General shall be empowered to accept, at his discretion and after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, a portion of the contributions of Member States for the calendar years 1998, 1999 and 2000 in currencies other than United States dollars;

(*b*) In accordance with regulation 5.9 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, States which are not Members of the United Nations but which participate in certain of its activities shall be called upon to contribute towards the 1998, 1999 and 2000 expenses of the Organization on the basis of the following rates:

| *Non-member State* | *Percentage* |
|---|---|
| Holy See | 0.001 |
| Nauru | 0.001 |
| Switzerland | 1.215 |
| Tonga | 0.001 |

These rates represent the basis for the calculation of the flat annual fees to be charged to non-member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/197 B of 21 December 1989.

*79th plenary meeting*
*22 December 1997*

**B**

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolution 50/207 B of 11 April 1996,

1. *Reaffirms* the obligation of Member States under Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations to bear the expenses of the Organization as apportioned by the General Assembly, and urges all Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full, on time and without imposing conditions, to avoid the financial difficulties being experienced by the Organization;

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Committee on Contributions[2] concerning the procedural aspects of the consideration of requests for exemption under Article 19 of the Charter;

3. *Calls upon* Member States requesting exemption under Article 19 of the Charter to provide the Committee with the fullest possible information for its review of such requests, bearing in mind the observations in paragraphs 14 and 15 of the report of the Committee;[2]

4. *Requests* the Committee to keep under review the procedural aspects of the consideration of requests for exemption under Article 19 of the Charter, and to make recommendations thereon, as appropriate;

5. *Also requests* the Committee to review current procedures for the application of Article 19 of the Charter, including the possibility of calculating and applying it at the beginning of each calendar year and at the beginning of the peacekeeping financial period on 1 July of each year, and to make recommendations thereon, as appropriate, to the General Assembly before the end of its fifty-third session.

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*22 December 1997*

**C**

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 48/223 C of 23 December 1993, 49/19 A of 29 November 1994 and 51/212 B of 3 April 1997,

*Recalling also* the sections of the reports of the Committee on Contributions on its thorough and comprehensive review of all aspects of the methodology for preparation of the scale of assessments with

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[2]Ibid., sect. III.A.

a view to making it stable, simpler and more transparent while continuing to base it on reliable, verifiable and comparable data,[3]

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on the work of its fifty-seventh session,[1]

*Notes* the intention of the Committee on Contributions to review all elements of the scale methodology, including the base period, conversion rates, low per capita income adjustment (including the issue of discontinuity) and annual recalculation, and requests the Committee to take into account the views expressed by Member States.

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**D**

*The General Assembly*

*Decides*, without prejudice to rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to consider reviewing the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000 during its resumed fifty-second session, in the light of all relevant factors, including the periodic reports of the Secretary-General on the status of contributions, and to make a determination in this respect early enough to refer this matter to the Committee on Contributions during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly.

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[3]Ibid., *Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/50/11), sect. III; and ibid., *Supplement No. 11A* (A/50/11/Add.1 and 2), part two, sect. V.